

# Focus on 5th



News and Events in the 5th Grade  
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## Important Dates

Mar 21	Reading Olympics Inter-District Competition
Mar 24	Brooks 6th Grade Informational Field Trip
Mar 25	Student-Staff Basketball Game
Mar 28 - Apr1	Spring Break

## Dear Families,

Thank you to all of the parents who chaperoned the rollerskating field trip. Your help was greatly appreciated. We were very proud of the 5th grade students. They were respectful, responsible and represented Holmes School well on the trip.

This week is Spirit Week at Holmes School. Monday is Sports Day. Tuesday is Pajama Day. Wednesday is Wacky Hair or Hat Day. Thursday is Decade Day - 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, and 90s. Friday is Holmes School Spirit Wear.

We have had several questions regarding elective class selection for the middle school. Elective class selections have been postponed this year, due to the uncertainty of course availability for next year. Information regarding the elective choice process and classes will be distributed as soon as possible. If you have any questions before then, Dennis Levalley ([dlevalley@op97.org](mailto:dlevalley@op97.org)) would be happy to answer them for you.

## SPECIALS

### Physical Education

We will be having our **7th Annual Holmes Parents Vs. Holmes Staff fundraiser basketball game**. The game will take place on **March 19, 2011** at Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School. It will start at 7pm. Admissions is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children and \$10 for a family of 3 or more.

### Spanish

Students have started their new story, ***Carlos y los Tres Monstruos***. Students can read the story for 15 extra points. It is posted on the blog: <http://mpoleski.blogspot.com/p/quintofifth.html>

### Art

Thank you to everyone that attended the district-wide art show at OPRF and the Holmes art show at the Oak Park public library this month. While these shows are coming down this week, you can see the district show online at <http://campus.digication.com/d97art/Welcome>. This link (which is a bit cumbersome) can also be found at the top of the district's website, [www.op97.org](http://www.op97.org), as well. All the artwork featured in these shows will be coming home the week after spring break.



### Reading/Literature

Due to the Brooks 6th Grade Informational Field Trip and the Student-Staff Basketball game we will have a shortened week in reading. We will continue our literature circle study of *The Breadwinner* and *Under the Blood Red Sun*.

Students should refer to their role assignment schedules to know which role they are to complete this week. This week we will be focusing on identifying foreshadowing. There will be a comprehension and vocabulary assessment over this week's reading on Thursday.

### Math

Last week, 5M students took a unit test on fraction multiplication. Graded tests will be returned to the students by the end of the week. 5M students will be working on a data project this week. 5K, 5P and 5Y students will take the unit test tomorrow. We reviewed in class today. The remainder of the week will be spent on the data project as well. Because the data project will be done in class, there will be no math homework this week (other than studying for tomorrow's test).

### Science

The students got a brief introduction to the circulatory system last week and we will continue learning about it this week. The students will be testing their heart rate and experimenting with activities that might change how fast or slow their hearts beat. There will be a quiz on the nervous and circulatory when the students return from spring break.

### Social Studies

This week, we will study the first battles of the Civil War and President Abraham Lincoln. Each student will have a topic such as a person, battle, event, or significant item to research. As we transform our classroom displays into North vs South, we'll recreate letters from soldiers and study the Gettysburg address.

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